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2016 Envirothon environmental competition held at LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens

BATON ROUGE – For the 12th year, the Louisiana Envirothon partnered with DEQ and others to host the Louisiana Envirothon environmental competition at the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens in Baton Rouge. Ten junior high and high school teams participated in the environmental problem-solving competition that comprises testing in aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, a current issue on Invasive Species and an oral presentation. Winning teams received recognition and were awarded plaques, medals and cash prizes.

Participating schools were Baton Rouge Magnet High School, Baton Rouge Magnet High School Bulldogs, East Feliciana High School-Team One, East Feliciana High School-Team Two, Episcopal School of Baton Rouge-Unicorn Environmentalists, Keithville Elementary/Middle School-4-H Club, Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts, Quitman High School-FFA, Sherwood Middle Academic Magnet and Woodlawn-FFA.

Winners of 2016 Louisiana Envirothon are:

- 1st Place: Baton Rouge Magnet High School- Bulldogs
- 2nd Place: Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts
- 3rd Place: Sherwood Middle Academic Magnet

The highest scores on station tests were: *Aquatics*: Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts; *Forestry*: Baton Rouge Magnet High School- Bulldogs; *Soils*: Baton Rouge Magnet High School- Bulldogs; *Wildlife*: Baton Rouge Magnet High School- Bulldogs; *Current Issue on Invasive Species*: Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts; *Orals*: Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts.

Major sponsors for the Louisiana Envirothon are the Louisiana Environmental Education Commission and the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens. Patron level sponsorship was received from the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and supporter level sponsorship was received from the LSU College of Engineering, Office for Diversity Programs and Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers.

Envirothon partnered with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the Acadiana Resource Conservation & Development Council, Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, LSU College of Engineering, Office for Diversity Programs, LSU School of Plant, Environmental & Soil Sciences, LSU Superfund Research Program and Southern University and A&M College–Urban Forestry Program to host the competition. For more information on Envirothon or to enter a team for next year's competition, please visit [www.deq.louisiana.gov/envirothon](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/envirothon) or follow on Facebook and Twitter.